ORDERS OF THE MAGISTRATES—CRITICISMS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

29. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Commissioner of Police wrote to the present District Magistrate criticising the actions of the Magistrates. If so, will copies of the correspondence between the two Officers be placed on the table ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

30. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the present Commissioner of Police refused to submit some documents in his possession ordered to be submitted by the District Magistrate for the conduct of cases pending in the courts. If so what are the documents and what action was taken by Government for the production of such records ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was no instance of refusal.

Adjournment Motions

Mr. President: I have received notice of two motions for the adjournment of the House. The first I have disallowed under rule 22 (5) on the ground that it cannot be discussed consistently with public policy. This relates to the recent appointment of a new Chief Justice. The second motion seeks to discuss the protest of this House against Government's action in ordering that the Nurses in future cannot marry without consulting this House. I have had to disallow this motion under rule 22 (4) on the ground that anticipates a motion of which notice has already been given and which appears on the order paper.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the name of the member who gave notice of the motions?

Mr. Presidnt: I hardly think it is necessary.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It was the precedent, Sir, to read the name of the member also.

Mr. President: There is no secret about it. The member who gave notice of both the motions is the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It is also the practice, Sir, to point out the purpose of the motion.

Mr. President: I did so in both the cases.

Motion regarding the abolition of capital punishment

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, it is my joyous privilege to move the following important motion, *viz.*—

"We, the Members of the Cochin Legislative Council, the representatives of His Highness' loving and loyal subjects humbly to reiterate our reverential feelings of loyalty to His Highness' Throne and express, on behalf of the people of the State our feelings of joy and gratitude to His Highness for the issue of the gracious Proclamation (Proclamation VIII of 1120) abolishing the sentence of death in the State for certain offences".

In commending this resolution for the unanimous acceptance of this House I wish to state that the House rejoices in the gracious action of His Highness the Maharaja not only in that the gracious Proclamation recognised the sanctity of human life but also for the reason that the Proclamation has granted the requests made by this House to do away with capital punishment at different times with varying degrees of success. It has, therefore, become doubly our duty to express our reverential feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to His Highness the Maharaja for commanding that the semi-barbarous practice of taking a life for life be done away with regard to certain offences. I commend the motion for the unanimous acceptance of the House.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* I second it.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Sir, I second the motion, and in doing so may I state the great joy which the people of Cochin and even the people outside the State have felt on this most progressive measure. Of course, Cochin is in many matters in the van of progress and here is a piece of progressive legislation emanating from the Ruler of the State, which serves as a model to the other States in India, to the rest of India, and I may humbly say, even to the rest of the world. It is in very few States that we find that capital punishment has been abolished—in two or three States. Therefore it is a matter of great pride and joy to the people of Cochin and I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Motion put and carried

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I request the Hon'ble President to have this motion communicated to His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. President : Yes. It will be done.

Announcement of the names of the Panel of Chairman

Mr. President : I now have to announce that I have appointed to the Panel of Chairman Mr. A. V. Moothedan and Rao Sahib M. Nanu Menon.

Announcement of election of a member to the Road Board

I have further to announce that the election of a Member to the Road Board will be conducted by the Secretary to Government at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th December 1944. Nomination papers should be handed over to the Secretary to the Council before 5 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, December 5th.

Announcement of a Bill assented to by His Highness

Secretary to the Council then announced that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to give his gracious assent to the Live Stock Improvement Bill.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 13,000 under 15—General Administration

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 13,000 under "15—General Administration—vii Committees".

This is on account of the expenditure consequent on the appointment of the Industrial Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Manusubedar. That Committee is investigating the possibilities of Industrial Development in the State. For a long time it has been felt both by this House and by the public outside that a systematic survey should be conducted and Government should be apprised of all possible developments in the Industrial field. This question has become acute as also part of the policy to be followed in post-war reconstruction proposals and after careful enquiry they have been able to constitute a Committee consisting of many persons who are well connected with prominent industries in the State headed by distinguished economists from Bombay, Mr. Manusubedar. This Rs. 13,000 is expenditure consequent on the constitution of that Committee. I request that the House may be pleased to vote this grant.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: On a point of information, Sir, who are the members of this Committee ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Chairman is Mr. Manusubedar, Dr. Alagappa Chettiar is one of the members, then Mr. Achyuta Menon, retired Secretary to Government, Rao Bahadur A. K. Menon who is connected with the Fish Oil Industries, Kerala Varmah Thampuran who is connected with several industries in the southern parts of the country and he is also the President of the Manufacturers' Association. There are one or two members more—The Director of Industries and Commerce, and others.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ എസ്സ് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയാണ്ന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലോ ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: He is the retired Secretary to Government.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Oh ! That is the qualification ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: With his long experience as the Revenue Member and afterwards as the Secretary to Government, he has very intimate knowledge of the different parts of the State and his wide experience will be a great asset to this Committee.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിൽ ചകിരിവ്യവസായം, ചക്കരവ്യവസായം മുതലായ വ്യവസായങ്ങളുടെ എക്സ്പർട്ടുമായിട്ട് ആരെയെങ്കിലും ഈ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It has not been the idea to appoint a Director from each of the various class of industries.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Fibre is one of the most important industries in the State.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: May I know whether the Director of Industries is on the Committee ?

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